

Subject: (no subject)

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 30 Jul 2011 23:10:41 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

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While the proposed map looks similar to the existing Congressional map, there is no doubt that the communities of Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista do not feel that they are fairly represented in the current district. The new map falls painfully short of your goal of fair representation for all.

I do not envy the task that you have and understand that you cannot intimately know every community. So I ask you to listen to the voices from this community who are pleading that you align Westchester Playa TOGETHER and WITH THE BEACH CITIES.

Sincerely

Dr. Tom Petoskey

[REDACTED] Westchester, CA 90045

Subject: (no subject)

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, 30 Jul 2011 23:13:56 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

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Henrietta Petoskey

[REDACTED], Westchester, CA 90045

Subject: Concern Over Proposed Redistricting

From: Joanne Lopez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 30 Jul 2011 17:13:26 +0000

To: <[REDACTED]>

To Whom it May Concern:

As Westchester residents (90045) for over 30 years, and homeowners for 27years, we are concerned that our community and neighborhood issues are not given full consideration when looking at the proposed redistricting maps. Westchester (including Playa del Rey and Playa Vista) is a community with interests more aligned to those of our neighbors, El Segundo and the other South Bay beach cities, rather than the communities to our east. We have ongoing concerns over LAX (expansion, take-off & landing noise, traffic) that directly impact us. Coastal and environmental issues that have forged a relationship with other beach cities would be fractured if we are aligned with the very different issues that face the residents and cities to our east. Both the communities and residents to the east, and those of us in the Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista, deserve representation that can focus on each community's unique needs and interests. Splitting constituencies with like interests may be good for politicians; but it destroys the community representation that we deserve and can foster a passivity among voters that is not good for anyone.

We urge any serious redistricting proposal to align Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista with the South Bay beach cities that share our historical and present day interests and concerns.

Sincerely,

Richard and Joanne Lopez

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90045
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Subject: Redistricting

From: <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 30 Jul 2011 17:02:01 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

I have lived in Westchester since 2001 and feel very strongly that the communities of Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista should be in the same district as the South Bay Cities.

Westchester and Playa del Rey have always been considered one community and are recognized as such by the City of Los Angeles. Those of us who reside in these communities share schools, churches, and shopping areas, and have the same concerns for our communities, such as transportation, LAX, law enforcement, and coastal/environmental issues. Separating us from the other South Bay Cities is ridiculous - the areas east of us are not a part of our communities and do not have the same concerns as we do.

We need to be able to have a voice in and be able to voice for the issues that concern us. To afford us that opportunity, we need to be aligned with the South Bay Cities. We share vastly more with the South Bay Cities than we do with the cities to the east of Westchester. Please do the right thing for Westchester, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista and its' citizens.

Respectfully,

Laura Henry